



Prudential Spirit of Community Award Goes to VMS Student!

Rocco Fiorentino of the Voorhees Middle School has been named one of the state's top two youth volunteers in the 16th annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program recognizing young people for outstanding community service. Rocco will receive a \$1,000 award, an engraved silver medallion, and a trip to Washington, D.C. for several days of special recognition events in early May. Only 102 young people nationwide, one middle level and one high school student in each state and the District of Columbia, receive this honor.

Rocco is being recognized for his considerable time and effort as an advocate for the blind/visually impaired. He has worked with blind children, addressed the government on both the state and national level for increased funding for Braille instruction, and educates others about the abilities of people with visual challenges. Rocco petitioned governors of every state to recognize October as Blindness Awareness Month; five have done so. Rocco gives speeches around the country and serves as a mentor. Rocco is an exceptional musician, student and above all, person.

We congratulate Rocco on his many fine achievements!